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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 6 & 7.

Part B for Dec^{r}, 1910

SUBJECT

Petition from the Secretary, Y M C A, Bangalore, for the grant of a site to the South of Doddamma's Hall, Bangalore City.

From the Presd^{t}, Bangalore city Mal Council, no 234 & 14.4 to Submits a report regarding the sites to the east of the Fort proposed to be given to the Y M C.A and of the other sites available

G O no 4946-8 & 8 12 10. Declines to grant the site on the Fort south glacis to the east of the Fort road to the Y M C.A for the erection of a building for the Association and states that in modification of G.O no 9434-7 / Mal 379-08-2 & 29 3.09, Government reserve to themselves the right to grant the above site at any future time for building purposes.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Municipal)

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Petition from the Secretary, Y M C A, Bangalore, for the grant of a site to the south of Doddanna's Hall, - Bangalore City

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Jud File No. 156 of 1908

Serial No. 6

From the Pres.y, Bangalore City Municpl Comrs'
No. 2348/16-6-1910

Submits a report regarding the site to the east of the Fort proposed to be given to the Y. M. C. A and of the other sites available.

In this connection it is respectfully submitted that the site to the south of the Fort glacis has been ordered to be reserved as a playground for the boys of the High School and Race of the Vokkaligar Sangha. The Insp.r Genl of Police wanted this and some other sites on the east fort glacis for the purpose of building Reserve Police Lines, viz. The former having been already ordered to be reserved was not given to him while the latter (Callan) site not objected seem to have been reserved for the Police Dep.t. The papers relating to this subject are in Pr. [illegible].

The file relating to the grant of a site for the Y. M. C. A. was submitted to Dewan with Diary No. 2089 and has not come back to office

Submitted.

Dewan
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Mr Callan approved of the site to the north of the Maternity

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GPB—65,0.1—27-4-09

Serial No

Hospitals for the Y.M.C.A Building, after an inspection of all available sites in city limits
It was all along understood that the vacant land on the south glacis of the Fort should be reserved as an open ground and not given out for building purposes. Even the Theosophical Society and the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur Raghunatha Rao were granted other sites in exchange for those originally given in this locality.
It would appear that there are objections to the vacant land on the South glacis being granted to the Y.M.C.A The public seem to be opposed to it

Laid before Council

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Serial No. 7.

To the Pres^{dt}., Bangalore City Municipal Council, the Pres^{dt}, Vokkaligar Sangha and Hon. M. Ramaya. No. 4946-88 8-12-1910.

States that on a consideration of the representations made to the Govt by a deputation of the Citizens of Bangalore, Govt have decided not to grant the site on the Fort South glacis to the east of the Fort Road, to the Y. M. C. A. for the erection of a building for the Association, that the claims of the Vokkaligar Sangha and of the Bangalore public to have the fort glacis reserved permanently as a public play-ground cannot be recognized and that in modification of the G.O. of 29-3-1909 Govt reserve to themselves the right to grant the site at any future time for building purposes

Note—Contin sheet.

GPB—14,000—27-4-10

D.O.No. 7806

Woodlands,

High Ground,

Bangalore, 6th April, 1910.

To

T. ANANDA RAO, Esq., B.A.,

Dewan of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the two sites for the City Y.M.C.A. which you were good enough to point out to me on the map at our interview kindly granted on March 26th, I have much pleasure in informing you that several members of the Board of Directors, together with other gentlemen interested in the project, visited the sites in question on Monday last. They were almost unanimous in expressing themselves in favour of the site to the east of the Fort, it being evidently more suited for the convenience of the present members as well as likely to meet the requirements of future members in the particular vicinity.

2 The Board of Directors will discuss the matter at their monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday next, the 12th instant, and immediately afterwards I will do myself the pleasure of informing you of their decision.

3 In the meantime, may I be permitted on behalf of the Board of Directors and all interested in the Association, to express their sincere gratitude to His Highness the Maharaja and to yourself for the great interest manifested in this matter of presenting us with a site. We have every hope that at no very

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D. O. No. 759/Gen I

Bangalore
6th April 10

Dear Mr Kumaraswami

I am directed to send you the enclosed extract from a letter of the date received from Wyatt and the subject of the planting area further. You will see a request that you will be good enough to mark the boundary with Wyatt, mark the ground with pegs & send the Deputy a rough sketch also very early date

Yours truly
for
C.S

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Extract from letter dated Bangalore, 6th April 1910, from Mr. C.H. Yates, Vice-President, Y.M.C.A., to the

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Under Secretary on duty
with the Dewan.

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Bangalore

D. O. No. 760

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Dear Mr Kumaraswami Naik,

With reference to my D.O. No 759 of this date, the Dewan has desired me to join you and Mr Yates when you go over the site for the Y M C A. If you will therefore kindly let me know when you could meet us I shall arrange with Mr Yates. I would suggest 8 a.m. on Friday the 8- inst-

Yours Sincerely

Sd/ K Matthan

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DO Le 440

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER S OFFICE,
BANGALORE DISTRICT
DATED BANGALORE 8th April 1910

Dear Mr Mathan,

Please refer to Mr Yates letter dated the 6th instant, addressed to the Dewan, an extract from which you have sent to me with your D O letter No 759 of the same date There seems to be some mistake somewhere The sites which Mr Yates shewed me this morning is different from the one alluded to by him in his letter addressed to the Dewan the site we saw this morning is one lying due south of the Fort the site you refer to is mentioned to be one to the east of Fort wherein myself and the Municipal Vice President were standing Please ascertain and let me know exactly which is the site I am directed by the Dewan to mark out and submit a rough sketch, before I could take further steps in the matter

Yours Sincerely,

To

Mathan, Esq , B A ,
Under Secretary on duty
wit the Dewan of Mysore

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to make the
Devon to
tomorrow my
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D.O No. 764 8-4-10

Dear Mr Kumarasamy Naik

I placed before the Dewan your D.O Nº 440 of this date re the Y M C A site The Dewan proposes to inspect the site tomorrow morning at 8 O'clock and will be glad if you will kindly meet him near the City Institute -

Yours Sincerely
Sd) K Matthan

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

BANGALORE.

April 16th, 1910.
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T. ANANDA RAO, Esq., B.A.,

Dewan of Mysore,

Camp, Mysore.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing an official letter of thanks for the most generous gift of a site for the City Y.M.C.A. building, but whilst doing so, I am desired on behalf of the Directors to express to yourself their sincere thanks for the personal interest you have taken in this matter, which has brought about so satisfactory a result. The Directors are indeed grateful to you.

I enclose a sketch of the piece of ground, indicated within red lines (6 acres, 30 guntas). The Directors request me to ask you if it would be possible to include in the gift a portion of the piece shown in blue pencil, as they think it would be useful for recreation purposes.

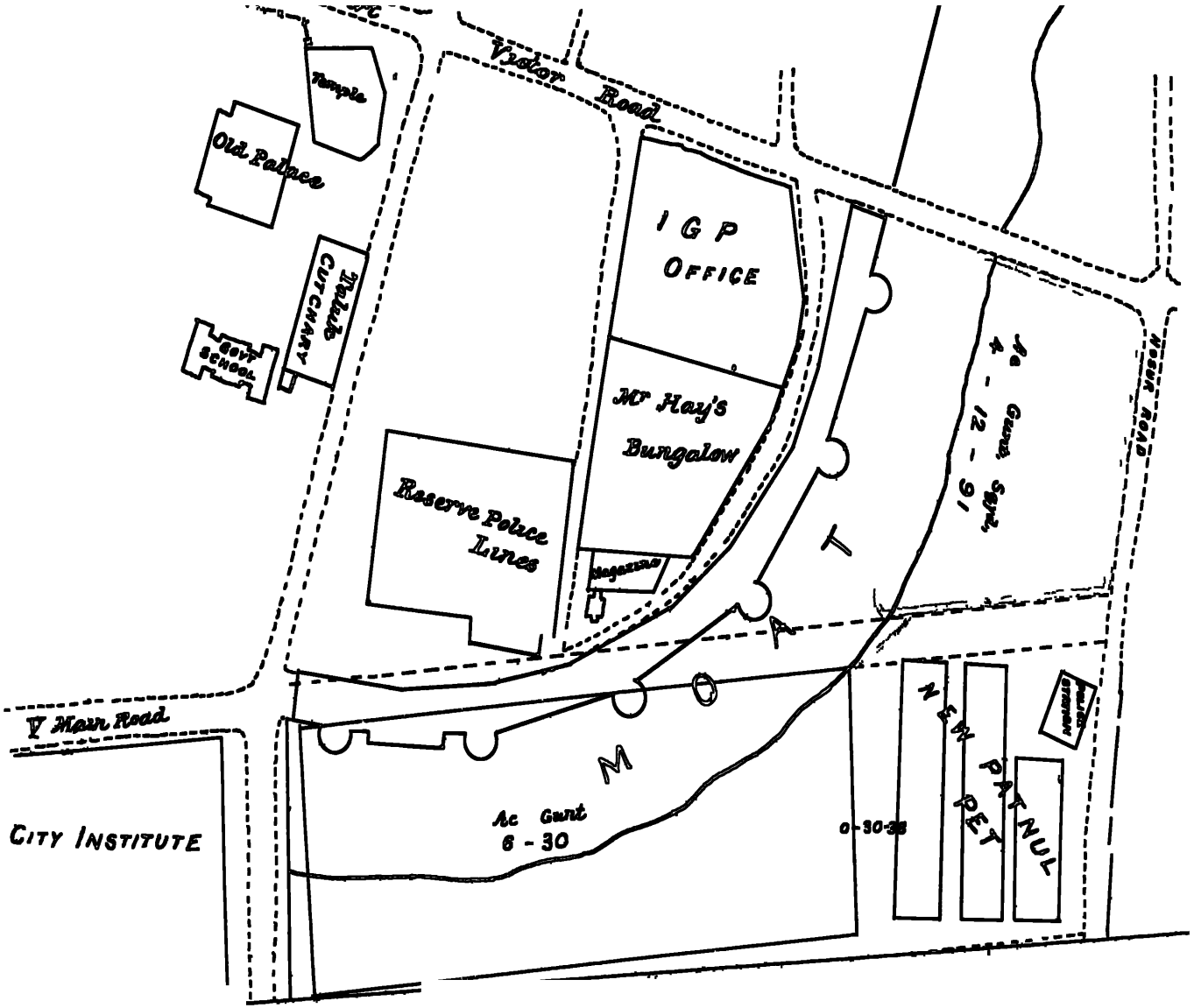
I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. H. Yates

Vice President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From Regr No 858
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Mysore Government Press.
Bangalore 18th Apl 1910

J Ananda Rao, Esq, B.A.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Camp, Mysore.

Dear Sir,

Since posting you an official letter from the Director of the Bangalore Y.M.C.A., I have received the enclosed from Trace, under a covering letter, requesting me to deal with the case. numbered. Therefore take the liberty of

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8th April, 1910.

The Hon'ble S. M. Fraser, C.I.E.,

Bangalore.

Dear Mr. Fraser,

First, permit me to thank you and the Board of Directors for your many kindnesses to Mr. Callan. Kindnesses to any of our Secretaries anywhere make our problems easier for us.

Callan's record of splendid service at Bangalore has given us much pleasure. He is much liked by all of his fellow-workers in India and their prayers for his thorough and speedy recovery will follow him.

When I was in Bangalore, I forgot to make definite arrangements for paying Mr. Bryant's salary. I am not sure whether the International Committee will forward the money directly to you or to us. While we are waiting to hear from them, we will be glad to pay the salary monthly with the understanding that if the money is forwarded directly to Bangalore, the Association will at once reimburse us.

I have had no further news concerning the site for the Indian building. It would be of considerable help to us in our efforts to secure money for Indian buildings, if I could say to some of our leaders, when I meet them in Bala on the 19th of May, that a free site had been granted us at Bangalore.

I wonder, if the Maharajah grants us the site, if he would object to my publishing the fact in our various American and European Exchanges, and if he would give me a photograph of himself from which to make a cut to be used in "Association Men" the monthly journal of the North American Associations.

I am planning to visit Bangalore immediately on my return from Europe the latter part of July.

We wanted to return to Mr. Wallis at commencement.

Most sincerely yours,

A C Harte

Submitted to His Highness

In accordance with His Highness' orders communicated in Mr. Campbell's D.O. letter No.177 dated 31st March 1910, the Y.M.C.A. was offered the choice between the two sites referred to therein, and I herewith submit the letter received to-day from the Board of Directors accepting the site on the south-east Fort glacis, (marked in red ink in the accompanying sketch and measuring 6 acres and 30 guntas) and expressing their sincere thanks and deep gratitude to His Highness for this most generous gift to the Association. The grant may be sanctioned.

2. The same post has brought a protest signed by the President and the Secretary of the Vokkaligar Sangha against the proposed grant, on the ground that a part of this site had been, in connection with the grant of a site to the Sangha, originally ordered to be kept open. The grant of this site to the Y.M.C.A. will not interfere with the contemplated buildings of the Vokkaligar Sangha because the site allotted to the Sangha is sufficiently extensive for their purposes and will allow all the scope necessary for an ornamental

ornamental building.

3. Mr. Yates has in another letter addressed to me stated that the Directors of the Y.M.C.A. have requested him to ask if it would be possible to include in the gift a portion of the piece shown in the sketch in blue pencil, as they think it would be useful for recreation purposes. But as the site we are giving is sufficiently spacious, this request may be politely declined.

4. Mr. Yates has also sent a letter from the General Secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. of India, in which the latter asks whether, if the site is granted, His Highness would permit his publishing the fact in their various American and European exchanges, and whether His Highness would give a photograph of himself from which to make a cut to be used in "Association Men", the monthly journal of the North American Association. I submit this letter also for orders.

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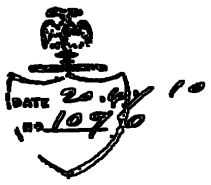
Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja



Subject.

Grant of a building site on the south-east Fort glacis, Bangalore City, to the Y.M.C.A.

Order.

D O No. 808 Camp Imperial Estate 21 April 29.

My dear Campbell

After you left this a couple of hours ago, the enclosed letter was put into our hands by the post peon & brought down here - he had other, personal, intimation & then the declaration waiting on us and also meeting me - I have caused an answer to be sent that I hope to be at Bangalore about the 27 instant -

Yours sincerely
[illegible]

R W Campbell Esq ICS
present

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D. O. No. 809 No.

Bangalore
21st April.

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To

W. Ramiah Esq
Chairman
Municipality
Bangalore

Date of issue

Signed by

Dear Sir

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 19th inst forwarding a Copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the leading Citizens of Bangalore held on Monday the 15th April to ~~take into consideration~~ bring to Govt the inconvenience which would be caused to the ~~Hindu Community by the~~ Grant of a Plot of land on the Basavangudi road for

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SUBJECT

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The proposed Construction of Y. M C A buildings are to state in reply that the Dewan Madhe Expected to return to Bangalore about the 27th Inst.

Yours Truly

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D O No. 7 886

The Palace, Mysore,

23rd April 1910

My dear Sir,

In view of the public agitation that has arisen over the question of the site for the Y M C A , His Highness has given a very careful reconsideration to the matter He agrees with you that the objections raised by the Vokkalegar Sangha and the Bangalore Hindu public to the grant of the Fort Glacis site to the Y M C A are to a great extent sentimental and that they have little, if any, real grievance At the same time it is clear that the leaders of the agitation have succeeded, in arousing a feeling of religious intolerance directed against the erection of a Christian association's building in a purely Hindu quarter of Bangalore City, and His Highness seriously apprehends that if the Associations building is allowed to be erected on the site referred to, it may prov the starting point of permanent discord and ill-feeling between the Hindu and Christian communities It would be a serious error to run the risk of this when it is still possible to put an end to the whole agitation by granting to the with their consent, a different site and one which they would themselves prefer I allude to the site near St Martha's Hospital and the Maternity Hospital known as Vijayendra Rao's land It is true that this site is close to the New High School, but this seems to His Highness to be immaterial fro the Hindu parent's point of view, as the Y C A is not a proselytising body and is intended for adult young men and not for school boys We cannot, in any case, draw back from our offer to the Y M C A with ut giving them something better in exchange they do not want Advocate Narasimha Iyengar's land I am to ask therefore that you will kindly send for Mr Yates and explain to the Y M C A Committee through him that a serious difficulty has arisen over the Fort Glacis site You may then ask him

D.O. No. 834

Bangalore
24th Apl 10

My dear

Please send me
a memorandum carefully
& correctly prepared sketch
of the Lal Bagh with
a request that the lands
comprised within the
undermentioned boundaries
at Bangalore — viz. state —
with all connected survey numbers
&c —

North — Lal Bagh Road

East — Sampigay Tank bed

South — Public road and
~~the Maternity and~~
~~wall of Commander~~

West — Public office road
(from Cenotaph to Lal Bagh
Road) —

Let us have
Sampigay Channel
and Maternity
and Hospital quarters

& also with include
Maternity on one side & the
survey office on the other — These
latter may be entered in their
present state — for the sake
of clearness, but we will strike
them out by & by

Yours &c
Sd/ [illegible]
24/4/10

Sd/ [illegible] Assistant Revenue Engineer

Please
send the sketch
(Marked)

Dep'd/-

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For Khansa order
Hear see last page

D. O. No. 2902—35

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Mysore Government Press,
Bangalore 27. 9. 1910

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your kind note. I will enquire the planning coolie at 6-30.

Yours sincerely,
C. Hayavadana Rao.

T. Ananda Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Dewan of Mysore.

Mr Rao's case
Khansa Affair
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D. O. No. Fr 897 37

Sketch by Ramanujam

Chamarajpet Bangalore

28th April 1910

Dear Mr. Govinda Rao

Reference to your D O No 809 of the 21st April 1910, I request the favor of your kindly letting me know when it will be convenient for the Dewan Sahib to receive the deputation of the leading Citizens of Bangalore

Bangalore

D. O. No. 849

28th April 10

My dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date, I have to inform you that the Diwan will be leaving for Coimbatore on Sunday or Monday next and that the deputation can meet him in the Council Chamber today or tomorrow between 3 or 5 P.M. or on Saturday at 9 A.M.

Yours Sincerely

Sd) T. Gavindarao

M. Ramaiya Esqr.

"Copy"

28 April 10

D O No. 2903

Please give me all papers connected with the subject of the petition

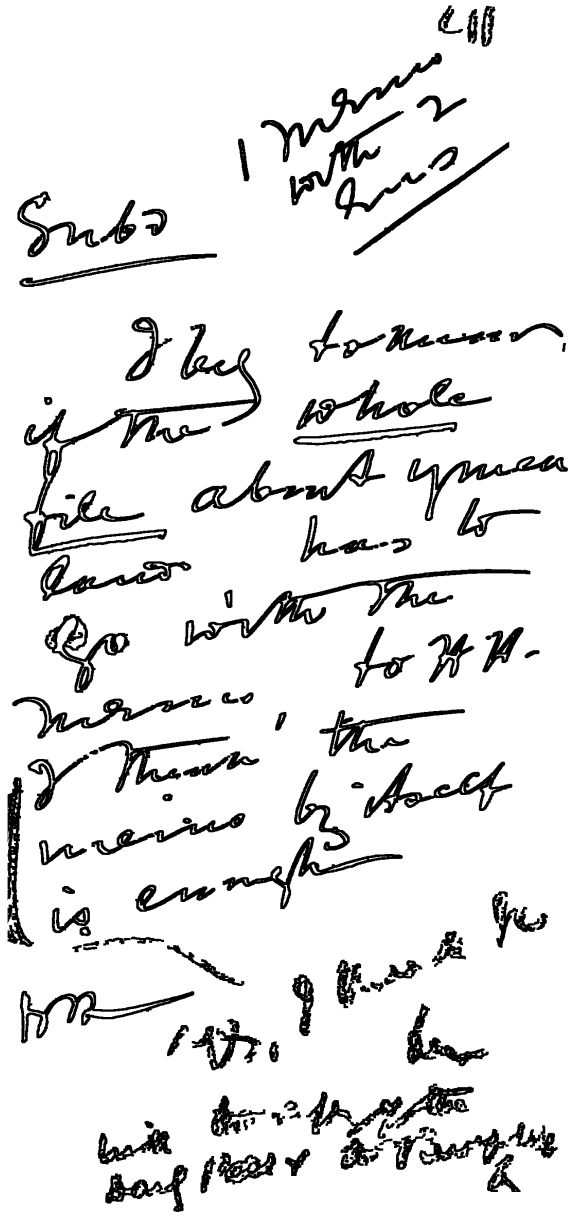
Ramanandam.

Chamrajpett, Bangalore
29th April 1910

My dear Mr. Govinda Rao

I thank you for your letter of yesterday. The members of the deputation propose to wait on the Dewan Sahib tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in the Public offices as decided upon.

Yours sincerely
J Ramanandam



Memorandum 4-

Re deputation that waited upon the Dewan, in connection with the application of the Y M C A for the grant of certain land in the Fort.

Members of the deputation -

Mr H Ramaiya
Rurve
M S Narayana Rao.
Doddanna Setty
Ramanna
Papanna
Hanumanna
T Appu Rao
Veerabhadra Setty
Mukoji Rao Sindhe
R H Ramaiya (Secy Vokka Ligara Sangha)
" Hanumappa.

Mr Narayana Rao, Retd Depty Commr introduced the members of the deputation to the Dewan, and after some preliminary words, requested Mr H Ramaiya, Retd Assistant Commr of Bangalore to place before the Dewan the representation

Mr H-Ramaiya I beg to lay before you Sir, a rough sketch, showing the position of the site applied for by the Y M C A, with reference to the Hindu and other religious institutions of the city. It is not drawn to the scale, but is simply meant to give a rough idea of the place.

In laying this sketch before you, Sir, I beg to submit that during the 50 yrs of the British administration

Administration and thirty years subsequent ~~hereto~~ thereto, the Christian Colony had been confined to the North-eastern portion of the city You will find that both the Wesleyan and London Mission Institutions and all the native Christians are located there Now that the Foreign Government of His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to introduce very recently religious instruction according to the different faiths in the Schools we feel at most inconvenient that an Association quite unconnected with the Hindu Religion should be brought amidst our religious institutions, and we pray that the Y M C A, may be allotted a site somewhere near the Wesleyan Mission or the London Mission Institutions, and this site applied for by them reserved for a public purpose as already decided by His Highness' Government in March 1904 ~~The object of the Institution as I understand~~ [redacted] a lecture

I understand that the Secretary read the address ~~was~~ delivered sometime ago, ~~to~~ to give physical exercise alone to ~~the~~ youngmen But that is not the case sir in reality ~~You will find from~~ Mr Appu Rao can explain what the objects of the Association generally ~~commonly~~ are

We therefore pray that we may not be disturbed and our institutions may not be disturbed by the grant of the site in the midst of our locality

Mr T Appu Rao The plot, as the Deputation understands, has been once reserved for the sports of the boys of the Town High School The Deputation now learns with some regret that that plot is intended for the Y M C A. I beg to read the objects of that association.—

(Mr Appu Rao read ~~portion from the Rules of the Madras Y.M.C.A.~~)

(I am passing from ~~page~~ the printed small pamphlet (which I subsequently gave the Secretary) in which the work is spelt ~~=~~ in its different forms as explained)

• The spiritual interest of our members required to find attention always ~~The~~ Conversational Bible class is conducted

by

by the General Secretary at the Central Building, taking up so far as possible the course prescribed by the Reference to the spiritual needs of men ..... and other Branches on the basis of an agreement to spend at least half an hour at the beginning, if possible, of every day alone with God".

Mr Appa Rao continues The first object of the Association is more or less based on spiritual interests. A report about the Calcutta and the Madras Y.M.C.A. was published in the Daily Post of the 23rd April it says—

Copy given by Mr Dewar

"It counts about 1863 men of whom 452 4600 and odd are Europeans, and 1411 4000 and odd are European etc... ....

and earnest workers

The first care of the Association is to counteract worldly influences and to provide for the spiritual needs of men in the religious matters by Public classes as well as by personal and educational work".

Mr Appa Rao says

The primary object is to give religious and spiritual benefits to the ~~unconverted~~

Weekend Bible Training is conducted Sunday next 3, in preparation of the Week of Prayer to be held

Bible and Prayer Union started at the Central Hall, and is at the request of Mr Rogerson

~~and~~ Looking ~~to~~ at the surroundings of the site ~~place itself~~, Your Hona will be pleased to see that the Site is so near to the Sanscrit College the Town High School, the Theosophical Society, the Maratta association, the Vokkaligara Sangha and many others, - and these least need the aid of the Y M C A at present

I simply voice the feelings of so many members here present and not present, when I say that it is ~~undesirable~~ in the interests of those surroundings that this plot in particular may be granted ~~in favour~~ to ~~of~~ some Institution which is more akin to the interests of the Hindus and Mahamedans in general who live about that locality and not to the Y M C A which is least in touch with most of these institutions

~~An~~ Mahomedan member of the Deputation spoke in Hindustani, ~~——~~ conveying in the most Expressive terms the gratitude of the Speaker

Mr K H Ramaiya On behalf of the Vokkaligara Sangha I beg to say - that the grant of the

fort glacis in front of our site for any building purposes whether private or public as prejudicial to the interests of the Sangha We have already represented the matter to His Highness and to your Honor and at the request of the Members of the Sangha that the site should be kept open as already ordered by Government

Deputy — why should the land be kept open?

Mr. K H Ramaiya Because any erection in front will shut out the elevation of our building & moreover it is to be kept open also as a play ground for boys

Deputy We cannot attach undue importance to such technical effect as for playground ~~This object will be served~~ it may be possible to give ~~by giving~~ you another site as for instance the land to the East of the site granted to your Institution

Mr. K H Ramaiya But the prominence of our building will be compared We took the site given to us on condition that the site now under discussion should be kept open

Dewan I [illegible] quite sympathise with the opinions of so many of you But the Y M C A is not a christian Association. People of all Religions can join it, without detriment to their religious persuasions, just as they join the Theosophical Society or Freemasonry

Mr H Ramaraja. But that must be Voluntary Here we have got thousands of boys In the Vok Kaligara Sangha there are many Near the Theosophical Society there is a place of worship there Instead of going to these Association. our boys will go to this Christian Association which provides so many inducements Suppose they feel thirsty They will go to the Y M C A and take soda As a Brahmin, I cannot tolerate my son taking soda from a low caste man The 2d day, our boys will be attracted by beer among other things exhibited there The third day they will be accustomed to cheroot etc So, we are afraid In the interests of our future generation we ought to preserve our religion The Y M C A people are as much the enemies of this Empire as ourselves

Latter soda & lemonade aerated, & waters flavoured by a punch

ourselves, and we should certainly not object to any action of our Government. We only represent our grievances We say that in the interests of ~~our~~ the future generation, we ~~are~~ want to safeguard ~~the interests of~~ our children That is the only ambition of ours as citizens of Bangalore.

Deivan Can you suggest any better rule?

Mr. H Ramaiya We have already once taken Mr Matthan —

Deivan Your reference to Mr Matthan reminds me of the official report received from the Deputy Commissioner in which he calls Mr Matthan ~~as~~ Secretary of the Association He is not the Secretary He is only as much a member as I am

Mr. H Ramaiya Yes we know that We asked Mr Matthan to inform us whether the Union would take up the position to the east of the London Mission School The Secretary of the Association was quite willing to take this

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Order.

Returned with thanks after perusal by His Highness

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Routine Notes.

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City, Bangalore, 14th.April 1910 1911

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The Hon'ble
to/Dewan Bahadoor Raghunatha Rao

3 These sites could not, however, be actually handed over to the respective grantees at the time Government passed orders, sanctioning the grant, as the Fort Trench which covered the main portion thereof had to be filled up and the dismantling of the Fort wall for the purpose was in progress Further it would appear from a note recorded by the then Vice-President Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao that the late Dewan, during the course of his inspection of the Basavangudi Extension in October 1906, verbally ordered that the Fort Glacis should not be given to any one until the Fort ditch was completely filled up

A greater portion of the trench has, however, been filled up by prison-labour and it is expected to completely fill up the same out of Municipal Funds before the end of the current official year

4 Thinking that there was no prospect of the trench being filled up within a definite period, the President of the Theosophical Society applied for the site to the South of the City Institute in lieu of the one previously granted Accordingly, Government, in their Proceedings No 6395-7/11 157-08-4 dated the 9th January 1909, were pleased, on the recommendation of the New Extension Committee, to grant the said land to the Theosophical Society

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dated the 29th March 1909, the grant of the land to the East of the Karanji Road to the Vakkaligara Sangha, directed the reservation of the vacant plot of ground on the Fort Glacis for play-ground for the boys belonging to the Sangha and other schools situated in the neighbourhood

6. As the late Dewan Saheb was stated to have pointed out in August 1908 some site for the location of the Chattram proposed to be built by the Dewan Bahadoor, a reference was made to Mr M G Krishnaswami Rao, the then Vice President, if he knew anything regarding the same This Officer has replied in his D O letter of the 22nd June 1909, stating that he was not aware of any site having been pointed out and further that all that he gathered during his inspection was that the then Dewan Saheb did not like to interfere with the Orders of Government already passed in the matter Viz , that the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadoor Raghunatha Rao should have the site opposite to the City Institute for the Chattram

7 I may, however, state here that the Agent of the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadoor Raghunatha Rao intimated to me in September 1909 that he had submitted to the Dewan Bahadoor his recommendation in favour of the site originally intended for the Sanskrit College and that he would communicate to me the gentleman's instructions when received Orders of Government have just been received, granting the said site to the Dewan Bahadoor for the Chattram

8 In this connection, I beg permission to state that the General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Bangalore City, having in September 1909 applied for the site to the South of Doddaram's and East of the Fort Road or any other suitable site

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in that locality, Government referred the question to the New Extension Committee for disposal or report if necessary. The Committee, however, resolved that the vacant ground to the East of the London Mission School might be assigned to the Young Men's Christian Association and that further details settled in communication with Mr. Nathan (Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association) and formal proposals placed before the Committee. No reply seems to have been received from Mr. Nathan regarding the D.O. reference made to him in the matter on 16th January 1909.

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9. In August 1909, Mr. Joseph Callan, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, however, applied to the President of the New Extension Committee for the grant of the vacant site near the Maternity Hospital for the erection of a building. The application having been referred to me in view to forward proposals to acquire the land at once, the land was inspected by me in company with Mr. Callan. This gentleman considering the vacant land (a) to the North of the Maternity Hospital as being eligible for the purpose of the Association, I have submitted my proposals to Government for the acquisition of the said land under the Land Acquisition Regulation (Vide my letter No. 63 dated the 20th September 1909).

(a) Survey No. 101/16 of Sampigehalli measuring 3 Acres, 39 Guntas and assessed at Rs 8-8-0.

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10. A tracing shewing the sites on the South Fort Glacis is enclosed for reference.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

President,

Municipal Council, Bangalore City.

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No 1722

Name of Petitioner— Mr K H Ramayya General Secretary

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Taluk— Bangalore City

District— Bangalore

Date of Arn— 18/4/10

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To

J. Ananda Row Esq. B.A.,
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We earnestly request you to decline to allot the land in question to any other purpose than the one for which it has already been reserved in the said Government Order

For which act of kindness,

We shall ever remain

Sir,

Your most obedient servants

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President

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K H Ranga[illegible]

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Volkalpana Sangha (Office)
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Lecture Tours —Mr H Channaiya, Sub Judge of Coorg at Mercara, was kind enough to avail himself of the period of his leave for the service of the Sangha He toured through many villages in the Tumkur and Hassan Districts of the State and the Nilgiris He convened meetings in all these places and exhorted the people assembled to turn their attention to self improvement In this manner, he was able to enlist the sympathies of a large number of Vokkaligars on behalf of the Sangha and the weight of his personal influence considerably enhanced their interest in it His advice was simple and practical He requested them to do three things (1) to make up their minds to send their children to school and subscribe for the Vokkaligara Patrike (2) to keep a charity box or vessel and put into it on any auspicious occasion such as marriage, birth harvest, etc a small sum of money or a quantity of grain till it is full and then make a gift of the collection to the Sangha and (3) to improve by the adoption of a very simple process the method of preserving their manure and thereby its quality These instructions were very much appreciated and as a result a large number of our people subscribed for the Vokkaligara Patrike, and contributed donations to the Sangha, making mention in all their communications of the advice and encouragement given to them by Mr Channiya The Sangha owes a deep debt of gratitude to him and cherishes the hope that his example will be followed by the other educated members of the Vokkaliga Community

Mr K H Ramayya, the General Secretary of the Vokkaligara Sangha proceeded on a lecturing tour to Coimbatore and Ootacamund in the Madras Presidency, and Bagalkot in the Bombay Presidency His lectures in these places were largely attended and highly appreciated by the numerous Vokkaligars residing in those outlying parts, and they have extended their sympathy and support for the Sangha As a direct result of the appeals made in these lectures a Kannada school and a commercial bank have been started by the Vokkaligars at Coimbatore These were inspected by Mr H Channaiya and he reports that they are in a flourishing condition A Boarding House has been opened at Dharwar for the use of the Vokkaligara Students, or Reddis as they are called there, coming to Dharwar for study from the three Districts of Belgaum Dharwar and Bijapur Mr I T Naikdi a leading pleader of Dharwar who was very much impressed with Mr Ramayya s exhortations and lectures has set apart his own house for the use of the Boarding House

Indirect Benefits —The recent order of Government sanctioning free primary Education in Village Schools has been the outcome of either the direct representations of the Sangha or its wholesome influence at work The increase of pay to Village School Masters, the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition as well as the Health Exhibition which are held every year during the Dassara Festivities at Mysore and other matters relating to the improvement of the Agricultural population have paved the way for the proper fulfilment of the objects of the Sangha

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It is a happy sign that the number of school going population of the Vokkaligars on the increase, as also the students availing themselves of higher education

A remarkable Temperance Movement —The drinking habit is unfort widely prevalent among the ignorant Vokkaligars of the Hassan District As result of a series of articles that were published in the Vokkaligara Patrike a the social evils of the community, particularly the evil of drinking, and at the inst of a few influential leaders at Hassan, the people united themselves remarka convened meetings under their several caste Headmen in various temples, took sole pledges never more to drink and agreed to levy penalties on those who would them Never were people more united to purge themselves of the social e Deeds of Agreement drawn up at these meetings have literally poured into our o and have been duly published in the Vokkaligara Patrike This is one instance of the many beneficial influences of the Sangha, that are slowly filter into the social fabric of the Vokkaligara Community and awakening them to a se of their moral and material prosperity

Our Students Home —It is a matter for regret that we are not yet able start a Students Home for the boarding and lodging of Vokkaligar Stu studying in Bangalore Want of residential quarters and the necessary funds unfortunately stood in the way Latterly, however, Mr T Byanna, the Presi of the Sangha, with his usual highminded generosity promised to set apart the use of the Home his house next to the one he has given for the use of Sangha Press We appeal to the generosity of the Vokkaligar representat attending the Conference to subscribe liberally so that means may be provided start the Home in however small a scale soon after the close of the Confere Now that a site has been granted by Government, we look to Messrs Marappa Munisw mappa to commence the construction of the building so generously mised by them during the sittings of the First Conference in 1906

Meetings —The Executive Council of the Vokkaligara Sangha held 15 M ings during the year under report for the transaction of the business of the San

Accounts – An account of the Receipts and Expenditure is given in Ap dix A Our best thanks are due to Messrs T Lakshminarasimha Row, B A , B and B Srinivasiengar B A B L Assistant Comptrollers, who have been kind enou to consent to audit our Accounts They state that it takes time and their re will therefore be available in the near future We are also thankful to the Ho ry Treasurer Mr M L Shama Gowda, who has undertaken the responsibility keeping the accounts of the Sangha

Reception Committee —A Reception Committee (*Vide* Appendix B) was fo for the purpose of managing the business connected with the Conference warmest thanks are due to Janopakari Sowcar Doddanna Setty, Messrs Appaj D Adappa and Ekambara Sahuji for having allowed the use of their Choul in Gavipur for the occupation of the persons attending the Conference, the M cipal and Police authorities for their hearty co operation, in making suit arrangements for holding the Conference, to Messrs Appayanna and Ven swamappa T Thimme Gowda for the trouble they underwent in collecting p sions and otherwise supervising the feasting arrangements and to various o gentlemen and volunteers who have by various deeds of kindness helped to the Conference a success

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Caslet —The Casket which we are to offer to Mr V P Madhava Rao to-day was designed and executed by Messrs C Krishnaya Chetty and Sons, Jewellers, Bangalore and we are thankful to them for doing their work with utmost care and neatness

Our Vice-Patron —Mr V P Madhava Row, C I E, the Vice Patron of the Sangha has always cheerfully given us his invaluable advice and guidance Though we bid him forewell on his retirement from the office of the Dewan of Mysore, he is still our Vice Patron and we are confident that his uniform sympathy will continue to be extended to the Sangha in future

The Hon ble the British Resident in Mysore —We are extremely grateful to the Hon ble Mr S M Fraser, I C S, C I E the British Resident in Mysor , who has watched the progress of the Sangha with deep interest, for the words of greeting which he has so courteously sent to the Vokkaligars assembled in this Conference They testify to his warm sympathy and will no doubt be read with much interest by all Vokkaligars who will most assuredly endeavour to profit by the words of council so lovingly uttered by so distinguished an authority as the representative in Mysore of the King Emperor

Our Patron —In conclusion we beg to express our profound feelings of loyalty and respect to our beloved Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur G C S I the esteemed Patron of our Sangha His Highness has always shown an abiding interest in its welfare and has extended to it his gracious sympathy and hearty support and it is our bounden duty to work on steadily to deserve the high privilege graciously bestowed upon us by His Highness the Maharaja

K H RAMAYYA B A
General Secretary

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Appendix A

Statement showing the Income and Expenditure of the Vokkaligara Sangha

Income.				Rs.	a.	p.
General Fund				20,010	9	4
Marriage Fund				373	8	0
Paper and Press Fund—	Rs.	a.	p			
By Subscriptions	2,848	5	0			
Printing Charges	863	1	3			
Advertisement Charges	307	10	0	3,519	0	3
Not accounted for				47	10	5
Total				23,950	12	0

Expenditure	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.
Press Equipment and other Expenses				14,271
Other Expenses not connected with the Press				2,827
Total				17,098
In the Madras Bank	3,498	7	0	
„ Mysore Govt. Savings Bank	630	13	8	
With Mr B Nagappa, Barrister-at-Law	2,000	0	0	
In Cash on hand	723	5	9	
Total				6,852 1[illegible]
Grand Total				23,950

Dated 27th April, 1909

M L SHAMA GOWDA,
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Appendix B

List of Members of the Reception Committee

Messrs
- T Byannah
- B S Muniswamappa.
- M L Shama Gowda
- T Thumme Gowda
- B K Chikkaviappa.

Messrs
- B Venkataswamappa.
- Appayyanna
- Munichennappa.
- K. H Ramayya.

No 90 17

No. 2787-11

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H H THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

Dated 18th April 1910.

Petition No. 1146 dated 18th April 1910, from Mr. K.H.Ramayya, General Secretary, Vokkaligara Sangha Bangalore, is forwarded with compliments to the Dewan of Mysore, Mysore, for favour of disposal.

By Order,

For Private Secretary.

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For which act of kindness, we, as in duty bound, will ever pray for Your Highness' long life,

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B.S. Narasiah

President

&

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Lecture Tours —Mr H Channaiya, Sub Judge of Coorg at Mercara, was kind enough to avail himself of the period of his leave for the service of the Sangha He toured through many villages in the Tumkur and Hassan Districts of the State and the Nilgiris He convened meetings in all these places and exhorted the people assembled to turn their attention to self improvement In this manner he was able to enlist the sympathies of a large number of Vokkaligars on behalf of the Sangha and the weight of his personal influence considerably enhanced their interest in it His advice was simple and practical He requested them to do three things (1) to make up their minds to send their children to school and subscribe for the Vokkaligara Patrike (2) to keep a charity box or vessel and put into it on any auspicious occasion, such as marriage birth harvest, etc a small sum of money or a quantity of gram till it is full and then make a gift of the collection to the Sangha and (3) to improve by the adoption of a very simple process the method of preserving their manure and thereby its quality These instructions were very much appreciated and as a result a large number of our people subscribed for the Vokkaligara Patrike, and contributed donations to the Sangha making mention in all their communications of the advice and encouragement given to them by Mr Channiya The Sangha owes a deep debt of gratitude to him and cherishes the hope that his example will be followed by the other educated members of the Vokkaligara Community

Mr K H Ramaya the General Secretary of the Vokkaligara Sangha, proceeded on a lecturing tour to Coimbatore and Ootacamund in the Madras Presidency, and Bagalkot in the Bombay Presidency His lectures in these places were largely attended and highly appreciated by the numerous Vokkaligas residing in those outlying parts, and they have extended their sympathy and support for the Sangha As a direct result of the appeals made in these lectures a Kannada school and a commercial bank have been started by the Vokkaligas at Coimbatore These were inspected by Mr H Channaiya and he reports that they are in a flourishing condition A Boarding House has been opened at Dharwar for the use of the Vokkaligara Students, or Reddis as they are called there coming to Dharwar for study from the three Districts of Belgaum, Dharwar and Bijapur Mr I I Nalvadi a leading pleader of Dharwar who was very much impressed with Mr Ramaya s exhortations and lectures, has set apart his own house for the use of the Boarding House

Indirect Benefits —The recent order of Government sanctioning free primary Education in Village Schools has been the outcome of either the direct representations of the Sangha or its wholesome influence at work The increase of pay to Village School Masters, the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition as well as the Health Exhibition which are held every year during the Dassara Festivities at Mysore and other matters relating to the improvement of the Agricultural population have paved the way for the proper fulfilment of the objects of the Sangha

It is a happy sign that the number of school going population of the Vokkaligars is on the increase, as also the students availing themselves of higher education

A remarkable Temperance Movement —The drinking habit is unfortunately widely prevalent among the ignorant Vokkaligars of the Hassan District As a result of a series of articles that were published in the Vokkaligara Patrike about the social evils of the community, particularly the evil of drinking, and at the instance of a few influential leaders at Hassan the people united themselves remarkably, convened meetings under their several caste Headmen in various temples, took solemn pledges never more to drink and agreed to levy penalties on those who would break them Never were people more united to purge themselves of the social evil Deeds of Agreement drawn up at these meetings have literally poured into our office and have been duly published in the Vokkaligara Patrike This is one tangible instance of the many beneficial influences of the Sangha, that are slowly filtering into the social fabric of the Vokkaligara Community and awakening them to a sense of their moral and material prosperity

Our Students Home —It is a matter for regret that we are not yet able to start a Students Home for the boarding and lodging of Vokkaligar Students studying in Bangalore Want of residential quarters and the necessary funds have unfortunately stood in the way Latterly, however, Mr T Bvanna, the President of the Sangha with his usual high-minded generosity promised to set apart for the use of the Home his house next to the one he has given for the use of the Sangha Press We appeal to the generosity of the Vokkaligar representatives attending the Conference to suscribe liberally so that means may be provided to start the Home in however small a scale soon after the close of the Conference. Now that a site has been granted by Government, we look to Messrs Mallappa and Munisvamappa to commence the construction of the building so generously promised by them during the sittings of the First Conference in 1906

Meetings —The Executive Council of the Vokkaligara Sangha held 15 Meetings during the year under report for the transaction of the business of the Sangha.

Accounts An account of the Receipts and Expenditure is given in Appendix A Our best thanks are due to Messrs. T Lakshminarasimha Row B A, B L, and B Srinivasiengar B A L T Assistant Comptrollers, who have been kind enough to consent to audit our Accounts They state that it takes time and then report will therefore be available in the near future We are also thankful to the Honorary Treasurer Mr M L Shama Gowda who has undertaken the responsibility o keeping the accounts of the Sangha

Reception Committee —A Reception Committee (*Vide* Appendix B) was forme for the purpose of managing the business connected with the Conference O warmest thanks are due to Janopakari Sowcar Doddanna Setty, Messrs Appajap D Adappa and Lkumbara Sahuji for having allowed the use of their Choultri in Gavipur for the occupation of the persons attending the Conference, the Mu cipal and Police authorities for their hearty co operation, in making suita arrangements for holding the Conference to Messrs Appayanna and Venkata swamappa T Thimme Gowda for the trouble they underwent in collecting prov sions and otherwise supervising the feasting arrangements and to various oth gentlemen and volunteers who have by various deeds of kindness helped to ma the Conference a success

Caslet —The Casket which we are to offer to Mr V P Madhava Rao to-day was designed and executed by Messrs C Krishnaiya Chetty and Sons, Jewellers, Bangalore, and we are thankful to them for doing their work with utmost care and neatness.

Our Vice Patron —Mr V P Madhava Row, C I E, the Vice Patron of the Sangha has always cheerfully given us his invaluable advice and guidance Though we bid him forewell on his retirement from the office of the Dewan of Mysore, he is still our Vice Patron and we are confident that his uniform sympathy will continue to be extended to the Sangha in future

The Hon ble the British Resident in Mysore —We are extremely grateful to the Hon ble Mr S M Fraser, I C S, C I E the British Resident in Mysore who has watched the progress of the Sangha with deep interest for the words of greeting which he has so courteously sent to the Vokkaligars assembled in this Conference They testify to his warm sympathy and will no doubt be read with much interest by all Vokkaligars who will most assuredly endeavour to profit by the words of council so lovingly uttered by so distinguished an authority as the representative in Mysore of the King Emperor

Our Patron —In conclusion we beg to express our profound feelings of loyalty and respect to our beloved Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur G C S I the esteemed Patron of our Sangha His Highness has always shown an abiding interest in its welfare and has extended to it his gracious sympathy and lately support and it is our bounden duty to work steadily to deserve the high privilege graciously bestowed upon us by His Highness the Maharaja

K H RAMAYYA B A
General Secretary

Appendix A

Statement showing the Income and Expenditure of the Vokkaligara Sangha

Income	Rs.	a.	p.	Expenditure	Rs.	a.	p.
General Fund	20,010	9	4	Press Equipment and other Expenses	14,971	0	6
Marriage Fund	373	8	0	Other Expenses not connected with the Press	2,127	1	1
Paper and Press Fund— Rs. a. p.				Total	17,098	1	7
By Subscriptions 2,348 5 0							
Printing Charges 863 1 8							
„ Advertisement Charges 307 10 0	3,519	0	3				
Not accounted for	47	10	5				
Total	23,950	12	0				

	Rs.	a.	p.
In the Madras Bank	3,496	7	0
„ Mysore Govt. Savings Bank	630	13	8
With Mr B Nagappa, Barrister-at-Law	2 000	0	0
In Cash on hand	723	5	9
Total	6,852	10	5
Grand Total	23,950	12	0

M. L SHAMA GOWDA,
Treasurer

Dated 27th April, 1909

Appendix B

List of Members of the Reception Committee

Messrs.

T Byannah
B S Muniswamappa.
M L Shama Gowda.
T Thimme Gowda.
B K Chikkavirappa.

Messrs

B Venkataswamappa.
Appayyanna.
Munichennappa.
K H Ramayya.

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Ramanandadina
Chamarajpett, Bangalore
19th April 1910

My dear Mr. Govinda Rao

I enclose herein a copy of the Proceedings of the Meeting of the leading Citizens of Bangalore held on Monday the 18th instant in connection with the grant of a piece of land to Y.M.C. Association in the heart

Enclosure to Do. No. 870 dt. 19 April 3

Proceedings of the meeting held in the hall of the Sri Rameswara and Sri Rama devara temple, of the leading citizens of Bangalore on Monday the 18th April 1910, at 6 P. M.

Present Mr. Sowcar Hariamna.
,, ,, Papamma.
,, ,, Muttojeerao
,, ,, Adappa.
,, D. Appu Rau. Retired Dy. Supt. of Survey.
,, Yejaman Basappa Chetty.
,, Setti Veerabhadra Chetty.
,, M. S. Narayana Rau, Retd. Deputy Commr.
,, C. Rama Rau, Retd. Senior Asst. Commr.
,, S. N. Subba Rau, Manager, Cotton and Woolen mills
,, Sowcar Sajjana Rao
,, ,, B. Hanumappa
,, ,, P. Thummiah.
,, ,, Veerabhadrappa.
,, ,, Chintamapalli Venkata muniappa setty.
,, Appoo Rau, Advocate.
,, Sowcar Ramachandra Rau Sindhe.
,, Venkata Rau, Pleader
,, H. Ramaiya, Retd. Asst Secretary to Govt
,, V. H. Ramaiva.
,, T. Ramachandra Rau, Retired Amildar,
,, K. Ramachandra Rau, Retd. Hd. Qr. Inspector, C & M Station.
,, H. Venkata rama shastriar, Pandit

Mr. Sowcar Hariamna was voted to the chair

It was resolved unanimously that a deputation consisting of the following gentlemen do wait upon the Dewan Saheb and His Highness the Maharajah and represent the inconveniences and difficulties which the Hindu population of the City including the Extensions of Basavangudi, Chamarajpet, Sankara mutt &c., would be put to by the grant of to the Y. M Association of the plot of land in front of the City Institute at the South gate of the fort, and pray for its reservation as a play ground for the Student population of the

City as already decided by His Highness' Govt. in their order No. 9434-7 / mis. 379-08-2. dated the 29th March 1909

Mr. Sowcar Hariamna.

,, ,, D. Adappa.

,, S. N. Subba Rau, Manager, Cotton and Woollen mills.

,, V. H. Karve, Retd. Suptdg. Engineer.

,, M. S. Narayana Rau, Retd Deputy Commr.

,, Sowcar Gandige Angadi Papanna.

,, ,, Sajjana Rau.

,, Setty Veerabhadra Setty.

,, D. Venkata Ramaiya, Advocate & Member H. H. Legislative Council.

,, Kempanna.

,, Appoo Rau, Advocate.

,, H. Ramaiya, Retd. Asst. Secretary to Govt.

,, Sowcar Muttojee Rau Sindhe.

,, B. Hanumappa, Sowcar.

,, Janopakari Doddanna Setty

,, Mahomed Abbas Khan, Merchant and Hony. Mgte

,, Sowcar Venkata Muniappa Chetty

,, Mahomed Razvi, Hony Mgte

Resolved also that a sub committee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to draft a memorial for presentation by the Deputation above referred to.

Mr M S. Narain Rau.

,, D Venkata Ramiaiya

,, H. Ramaiya.

,, K. H. Ramaiya

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting was brought to a close.

Bangalore (Sd.) M. Hariamna,

18th April 1900. Chairman

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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Date of issue 9.12.10

Signed by MV K M-R

READ:- Govt: Progs. No. 9434-71 Ind 379-08-2829-3-1909 directing, in connection with the grant of land to the Vokkaligar Sangha that the space to the north of it comprising the fort glacis and the area that will be added to it by demolishing the fort wall and filling in the fort ditch (excluding the site of the fort wall) should be kept open as a play ground and recreation ground both for the boys of the Sangha and the student population of the city

Read:- Letter No. 2348 M-2-1910 from the President Bangalore City Municipal

over Council

SUBJECT

Council, submitting a tracing showing the
sites on the fort south glacis and stating
Messrs. C. N. Yates the Vice-President of
that the Young Men's Christian Association,
Bangalore, has selected the site
on the fort south glacis opposite
to the City Institute, for constructing
a building for locating the said Association
(3) Petitions dated 13th April 1910
from messrs B. S. Narasappa and K. V.
Ramaiya the President and the General
Secretary of the Vokkaligar Sangha,
Bangalore, requesting that the vacant
space to the north of the land granted to
their Sangha may be kept open
originally intended by Govt. in their
order No. 9434-7/Rul 379-08-28-29-3-1909.
(4) Letter dated 19th April 1910 from
Mr. K. Ramaiya, retired Asst. Secy. to Govt.,
forwarding a copy of the proceedings
of the meeting of the leading citizens
held
of Bangalore on the 18th idem protesting
against the grant of land opposite
to the City Institute to the Y. M. C. A.

Order thereon

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Order thereon.

(1) On a careful consideration of the above report and of the representations made to the Dewan by a deputation of the Bangalore citizens of the Bangalore City, Government are pleased to direct in modification of their G.O. dated 29th [illegible] 1909, read above, that the claims of the Vokkaligar Sangha and of the Bangalore public to have the fort glacis reserved permanently as a public play-ground, cannot be recognized and that Govt. reserve to themselves the right to grant the site at any future time for building purposes.

(2) We have decided to grant the Wesleyan Mission Association a portion of a building site on the fort glacis situated between the Fort Gates and the Fort Road

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Secy to Govt.
of Mysore

To

The Pres[t], Bangalore City
Mun[l] Council

& Pres[t] Vokkaligar Sangha,
Bangalore

Asst Commr. Ramnagar and with no
forwarding the above